MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Municipality levies the fees in certain areas and that will be notified by them.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : My question is whether any tax is levied to the areas where there is no street pipe connection ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The fees are levied by the Municipality. The Government have no information.

PRESIDENT : On what basis the Municipality levies cess, the Government do not know.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Have the Government received any complaints of water cess being levied from areas where there is absolutely no street pipe connection ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*: No, Sir.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Does the Municipality declare any area on which the cess is levied, without getting the approval of Government beforehand ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is not the concern of Government whether the Municipality levies or exempts from payment of water tax any particular area in the Municipality.

Muslim pupils in certain schools.

82. ✻**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Muslim students in the following schools, *viz* :—

(i) St. Mary's English School, Alwaye ;
(ii) V. P. School at Vennala (Edappalli South) ;
(iii) V. M. School, Edappalli : and
(iv) V. P. School at South Vazhakulam ; and

(*b*) whether provision to teach Arabic in these schools has been made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) (i) 42
(ii) 64
(iii) 37
(iv) 100

(*b*) No.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the conditions to be satisfied with regard to the appointment of Arabic Instructors, so far as Muslim students are concerned ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : In primary schools, there should be at least 25 pupils in a class ; and in vernacular middle schools or English schools, the number should be about 10 or 15.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Have the schools referred to satisfied all these conditions ?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes. But No. 1 is not a departmental school.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the reason for not appointing Arabic Munshies in the case of other schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Mainly, want of funds. But I will refer the member to page 110 of the preliminary budget where a provision is made for Arabic Munshi with regard to school No. 4.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : What is the difficulty in appointing an Arabic Munshi in St. Mary's English School, Alwaye?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It is a private school. The G. O. on Mahomedan education does not apply to private schools and therefore we cannot compel them to appoint an Arabic Munshi.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Have the Government no control over the management of private schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, they have. But we cannot make a serious case against them for a thing like this. We can ask them and advise them to appoint an Arabic Munshi.

PRESIDENT : Cannot the department direct them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : In the last resort we could ; but we have not gone to that length.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : How could encouragement be given to Muslim education when the managers fail to appoint Arabic instructors?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : As a matter of fact, the Manager of this school is sympathetic ; and I am hoping that, when financial conditions improve, he will be able to consider this question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether Arabic is taught in these schools and, if so, by whom?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Arabic is not taught in these schools. There is no provision for that.

Education of Muslim girls.

83. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any scheme from the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Alleppey, regarding the encouragement to be given for the education of Muslim girls ;

(*b*) if so, when it was submitted ; and

(*c*) the action taken by them in the matter?

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